

CEREMONY OF REDEDICATION

The onward Arrowmen Plan calls for a ceremony of rededication to the principles of our Order at all formal functions of the Lodge.

The following ceremony should be used. In Ordeal Ceremony, insert this ceremony after "You will now take your places in the circle which is being widened to receive you," page 15, Ordeal Ceremony pamphlet. In Brotherhood Ceremony, insert after "you will take your places in the circle with your brothers," page 8, Brotherhood Ceremony pamphlet. In ceremony for the Vigil Honor, use as the closing after all other work is completed. At any other meetings of the Lodge and at area fellowship training conference, use this ceremony just before adjournment.

ALLOWAT SAKIMA (gives sign for silence) : My brothers, before we close this Council that has brought us all together, let us pause to reflect upon the noble purpose of our Order. Meteu, please remind us of our obligation as members of this Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

METEU: My brothers, it is well to pause and think deep thoughts and to meditate upon the real purpose of our brotherhood.

All of us have stood before the Council fire in the presence of Allowat Sakima and our brothers in the Order of the Arrow. We have made the Scout sign and have repeated a solemn obligation.

First, we said, "On my honor as a Scout." This is a serious and solemn statement. It means that we, as Arrowmen, must constantly strive to do our best to keep our word and uphold our honor. Nutiket, remind us of the first point of the Scout Law.

NUTIKET: A Scout is trustworthy. A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie or by cheating or by not doing exactly a given task when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his Scout badge.

METEU: Second, we said, "I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, W. W. W." The traditions of the Order are unfolded on the pages of our Order of the Arrow Handbook and are reinforced in our colorful and significant ceremonies. Our Order exists as a part of the program of the Boy Scouts of America. All of us are first Scouts, Explorers, or Scouters and second, members of the Order of the Arrow. Our constant aim is to strengthen Scouting, particularly Scout camping. We were elected by our fellows not so much for what we have done, but for what we are now expected to do.

KICHKINET: A Scout is loyal. He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due, his Scout leader, his home and parents and country. May we always be loyal to our obligation in the Order of the Arrow.

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METEU: Third, we have promised to regard the ties of brotherhood as lasting. This means, my brothers, that you and I must continue to treat our fellow members in the Order as we wish to be treated ourselves and constantly strive toward the building of a brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. Nutiket, remind us of the fourth point of the Scout Law.

NUTIKET: A Scout is friendly. He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout. May we ever regard the ties of brotherhood as lasting.

METEU: Fourth, my brothers, we have all agreed to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities. Sometimes it is most difficult to smile and be cheerful in the face of trouble, but you and I have agreed to make the best of our opportunities. Kichkinet, remind us of the eighth point of the Scout Law.

KICHKINET: A Scout is cheerful. He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to others is prompt and cheery. He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships. Cheerful service is the watchword of our Order.

METEU: Finally, we are obligated to endeavor, so far as in our power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others. The Scout Oath includes the words "To help other people at all times." Nutiket: remind us of the third point of the Scout Law.

NUTIKET: A Scout is helpful. He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons, and share the home duties. He must do at least one Good Turn daily. This should always be in our minds as we go forward on the Scouting trail.

ALLOWAT SAKIMA: Let it be well remembered that the purpose and principles of the Order of the Arrow are not to be taken lightly.

He who learns these lessons will find the secret of truly happy life. He will also learn that these things of the spirit are the things that really count.

Let us all stand, shoulder to shoulder, around our Council fire and rededicate ourselves to our obligation. (Gives Scout Sign.)

I, , do hereby promise, on my honor as a Scout, that I will always and faithfully observe and preserve the traditions of the Order of the Arrow, W. W. W. which I have now received. I will always regard the ties of brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow as lasting and will seek to preserve a cheerful spirit even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities and will endeavor, so far as in my power lies, to be unselfish in service and devotion to the welfare of others.

(Proceed with closing of the meeting.)

(As per the fall 1966 Order of the Arrow Bulletin from the National Council.)

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The physical properties that are to be installed depend entirely on the local situation. As a rule, the minimum requirements are podium, places for the required number of fires and some device to hold the candles used in the ceremony. They should blend naturally into the setting so that there is no sharp contrast in the effect as a whole.

Here is your chance to use your ingenuity to put on an impressive and dignified ceremony, using plenty of color and pageantry. The basic thought or scheme should be based on traditional Indian lore practices. Coup sticks, rattles, anklet bells and even a peacepipe can be used to round out the dignity and authenticity of the ceremony. A tepee in the background also adds to the general atmosphere. No Indian ceremony is complete without the soft cadence of the tom-tom. When properly handled, it adds much to the impressiveness of the ceremony.

Conducting the Ceremony:

Those conducting the ceremony should rehearse well in advance to avoid slipups and all parts should be well memorized. Each member should know and understand his part so that it will sound natural and not come up as pure rote memory. Do not "ham" it up, but maintain an air of complete confidence no matter what happens during the ceremony. If you find you have forgotten a part, by all means do not stutter or repeat yourself, but continue on as though nothing has happened. By speaking all parts slowly and deliberately, pausing now and then to gaze upon the candidates, it will not be noticed if you have to search your memory to recall a word or two. Pronounce all words in a clear and loud enough manner suitable to the surroundings. The pitch of your voice should be flexible as you talk, giving emphasis to those parts that call for it. Body movements of the hands and head should also be used in an effort to present a natural effect. Look at each individual personally as you speak so that you may grasp his complete attention. A complete walk-through rehearsal should be held on the afternoon of the ceremony so that any last minute "bugs" may be removed.

Ceremonial Costumes and Accessories:

Seeing that this is a complete subject matter in itself, we refer you to the "Order of the Arrow Handbook." It is suggested that each member of the Ceremonial Team work for the Indian Lore merit badge which will give him a better insight and understanding of the subject.

Types of Ceremonies:

The main types of ceremonies conducted by the Lodge or Chapter Ceremonial Teams are:

- a. Ordeal Calling Out Ceremony
- b. Pre-Ordeal Ceremony
- c. Ordeal Ceremony
- d. Brotherhood Calling Out Ceremony
- e. Brotherhood Ceremony
- f. Vigil Ceremony (conducted by Lodge Vigil Team)
- g. Recognition Ceremony (For Cub packs, Scout troops, Explorer posts and district events.)

Ordeal Calling Out Ceremony:

See Order of the Arrow Handbook.

Pre-Ordeal Ceremony:

A secluded place used for no other purpose and to the north of camp should be chosen for the Pre-Ordeal Ceremony. It should be given after dark, but not so late that it encroaches upon the proper time for sleep. The ceremony itself is found in the "Ordeal Ceremony" pamphlet (latest edition.)

It is recommended that a discussion be held following the ceremony and before

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Purpose:

One of the most important responsibilities of the chapter officers and advisers is to make sure that the ceremonies of the Order fulfill their high purpose. Lasting impressions that make the difference between success and failure of an Order of the Arrow Lodge start with the ceremonies of the Order.

The ceremonies of the Order are among the most colorful of any organization. They lend themselves naturally to their outdoor setting and local conditions. Let us not forget, though, that their success or failure depends on the fundamental rules of good showmanship. These ceremonies and their preparation take time and thought by members of the Lodge or chapter responsible for the presentation.

The ceremonies used in the Order have been scrutinized to make certain that they are not objectionable to any religious group because of any seeming similarity to religious rites or rituals. No change of any kind, therefore, is permitted to be made in the set ceremonies. Every attempt has been made, and always will be made, to keep the ceremonies true to Scout tradition and within the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law.

While the Indian tradition is used in the ceremonies of the Order and in the terminology for the dramatic effect, it is agreed that under no circumstances shall emphasis be placed upon the Indian aspects of the program to the degree that they obscure the objectives of the Order of the Arrow.

Lodge Ceremonial Committee:

Shall consist of a chairman, adviser, and all chapter meteus plus any additional members of the Lodge having an interest in Indian lore and wishing to participate.

The chairman shall be the Lodge meteu, appointed by the Lodge chief.

It shall be responsible for the maintaining of one or more Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonial Teams. The quality of these teams shall be on the highest standards, worthy of the traditions and honor of the Owasippe Lodge.

Chapter Ceremonial and Costume Committee:

Shall consist of a chairman, adviser, and members-at-large from the chapter.

The chairman shall be the chapter meteu, who is appointed by the chapter chief.

It shall be responsible for the maintaining of an Ordeal and Brotherhood Ceremonial Team. It shall also be responsible for the maintenance of all chapter costumes and properties.

The Ordeal and Brotherhood calling out ceremonies shall be performed by this committee in a manner it deems fitting and proper for this occasion.

The Ordeal and Brotherhood ceremony may be performed by this committee using the Ordeal and Brotherhood pamphlets (latest edition).

Ceremonial Setting:

Choosing the site for the ceremony is very important. The more the setting lends itself to the purpose of the ceremony, the more successful will be your efforts to impress the candidates with the beauty and seriousness of the ceremony. The primary considerations one must keep in mind are privacy, naturalness and adaptability to the functioning of the Ceremonial Team.